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Forest Service

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Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulation 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 26 April 2026 as detailed below.

“In each of the last 3 financial years, how many planning enforcement investigations have you undertaken in respect of unauthorised tree works comprising:

- a) Trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order;
- b) Trees growing within a conservation area?

2. Of these, how many have resulted in stop notices being issued or other enforcement action (including enforcement warning notices) being taken?

3. How many have resulted in a prosecution?

4. How many of these prosecutions have been successful?”

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In Northern Ireland councils make and enforce Tree Preservation Orders, and Conservation Areas, therefore under Regulation 12(4)(a) the Department is excepted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that the information sought is not held.

You may wish to contact the relevant local council(s), as they may hold the information you are seeking.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,



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